

## FLAMES ALMOST WIPE TOWN OUT

Wise Cast Into Gloom by Blaze Which Costs \$80,000 Damage.

### MANY BUILDINGS BURNED

Much of Property Destroyed Carried No Insurance—Baptist Church Is Wrecked.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORTON, VA., June 14.—A disastrous fire occurred at Wise, the county seat, yesterday afternoon, entailing a loss of probably \$80,000. The total insurance will amount to about \$35,000.

#### Buildings Burned.

The buildings burned were:

H. H. Dotson, residence.

H. H. Dotson, store.

Miller's Hotel.

W. B. Fulton, store building.

Mrs. Hain, residence and store building.

McElroy and Company, store building and stock of goods.

C. W. Renfro, store building and stock of goods.

M. J. Bruce, store building and several tons of corn and hay.

Hix and Hill building, containing stock of goods belonging to W. H. Roberts.

Grocery store belonging to Fitzhugh Stephens.

Electrical Theatre, belonging to W. E. Kilgore, all on first floor.

Second floor contained the law office of Kilgore and Kilgore, Vickers and Perry, Fulton and Ayers, Dotson and Bond, and Duncan and Kelly, and also the general office of the V. and K. Railroad.

The Mayor's office and the offices of Dr. Hill and Hix, the former a dentist, and the latter a physician, were burned.

The Wise News Building went down, but most of the machinery was saved, and the paper will be issued this week.

#### Church Goes Down.

The Baptist Church was consumed and along with it a store building near by belonging to W. H. Roberts.

Much of the property carried no insurance. The owners of the Miller Hotel and the Hix and Hill Building, the largest losers, are losers to the amount of six or seven thousand dollars each when their insurance has been collected.

The fire has cast a heavy gloom over the beautiful town of Wise.

#### BIG BLAZE IN DANVILLE.

Storehouse of Clothing Firm Burned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) DANVILLE, VA., June 14.—Fire early to-day in a storehouse used by Chalmers, Patterson & Co., clothing, in the rear of the establishment, which faces Main Street, caused a loss of \$7,000 or more. In the storehouse were packed away many boxes of clothing, haberdashery, etc., which had been used at a branch, which is closed except during the tobacco season. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The loss to Patterson & Bros. is practically covered by insurance. The damage to the building, owned by the estate of B. J. Clark, amounts to several hundred dollars, with no insurance.

#### New Pastor for Bristol.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BRISTOL, VA., June 14.—The Rev. George D. Booth, of Louisiana, has been engaged to serve as pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church here until September, as the successor of the Rev. W. H. T. Squires, who is now pastor of Park Place Presbyterian Church, Norfolk. Mr. Booth was formerly in Bristol as president of King's College for Boys.

## AFTER A FEVER

And Other Acute Diseases a Tonic Is Often Needed to Restore Normal Health.

The evil effects that follow many diseases—particularly the grip, pneumonia, and the wasting fevers, such as typhoid and malaria, are caused by the bad condition in which these diseases leave the blood. As a result, the flesh continues to fall away, the sufferer grows nervous and irritable, and even slight exertion causes shortness of breath. These are dangerous symptoms and indicate that the system is in a state that invites bronchitis or even consumption. What is needed is a new supply of rich, red blood to carry health and strength to every part of the body. Such a specific has been found, and in hundreds of cases it has been proved that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have accomplished this result.

Mrs. L. Lelawing, of No. 610 Sixth avenue, Williamsport, Pa., says: "When I was thirteen years old I had an attack of typhoid fever. I was sick for over three months and was left in a very weak condition. I continued with the doctor's medicine, which helped me for a time, but it never made me entirely well. When I reached my eighteenth or nineteenth year, my health was very poor. My blood was so thin that my lips had no color and my ears were nearly transparent. I could not go all the way up stairs without sitting down and resting. My heart palpitated, I was chilly most of the time and wanted to be where it was warm. There was an annoying ringing sensation in my head. I was nervous, irritable, had no strength or ambition, and was so weak that I was out of school for one whole term. The doctor and my friends thought I would go into consumption. I read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in the papers and decided to try them. I had taken only a few boxes when I began to improve wonderfully. My color came back, the ringing sensation stopped and I became stronger in every way. After a further trial I was entirely cured and was stronger and healthier than I had ever been. That I have never been in a run-down condition since is due, I think, to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

These pills are sold by all druggists or will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box; six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

## DESPERATE FIGHT WITH BLACK BEAR

Two Men Finally Capture Bruin and Tie Him Up in Strong Box.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., June 14.—Samuel Robinson and Henry Williams, in charge of a moving picture show traveling through West Virginia mountains, had a hand-to-hand encounter with a large black bear near Wardsville, in Hampshire county, yesterday, and after a desperate struggle, during which Robinson was buried to the ground by the animal and the clothing of both men torn into shreds, the bear was finally roped and imprisoned in a strong box. The two men were almost exhausted and bled freely from scratches made by the bear's claws.

The men rented a vacant room in Wardsville, and after giving a bear and moving picture show, left with the outfit for other sections.

## NORTH CAROLINA GUARD IN CAMP

Dates Finally Fixed and Second Regiment Will Lead Off from July 8 to 14.

### BUST OF FORMER GOVERNOR

Program for Interesting Presentation Program Arranged. Work of Improving Schools.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., June 14.—A road-junction of dates for the encampment of regiments of the North Carolina National Guard was made to-day, and the general orders were issued by Adjutant-General J. F. Armfield. The dates finally agreed upon are: Second Regiment, July 8 to 14; Third Regiment, with Raleigh Hospital Corps, and Battery A, Charlotte, July 19 to 25, and First Regiment, with Charlotte Hospital Corps, July 28 to August 3. The advisory board had decided on July 5 for the beginning of the encampments, but it has been found since that necessary equipment cannot be gotten to certain companies in time for the earlier dates.

**Big Hosiery Mill.** Morrisville, in this county, is soon to have in operation a big hosiery mill, erected by A. San Horn, one of the wealthiest men of that section. Morrisville is twelve miles west of Raleigh.

Bids from North Carolina towns are to be received for the next sixty days for the site of the orphanage to be established by the North Carolina Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias. George Hackney, of Asheville, is chairman and J. D. Prigden secretary of a special committee from the Grand Lodge to locate the orphanage.

#### Presentation of Bust.

The presentation of the marble bust of William A. Graham, former Governor of North Carolina, member of Congress and Cabinet officer, is to occur in connection with the annual meeting of the State Literary and Historical Society in October. The bust is being made under the direction of the State Historical Commission in Raleigh, after a model by F. W. Eustace, the distinguished sculptor of New York. The address will be delivered by Captain T. W. Mason, of Northampton county. Frank Nash, of Hillsboro, will read a biographical sketch.

The funeral of C. B. Edwards, Jr., was held from the residence on Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Livingston Johnson, corresponding secretary of the State Board of Missions, conducted the service. The pall-bearers were Dr. J. W. McGee, Jr., Edgar E. Broughton, E. G. Birdsong, C. C. Hervey, R. L. Horton and H. Winston Davis.

#### Improvement of Schools.

Another local tax district for the improvement of public schools is reported from Wilkes county by Superintendent C. C. Wright. The change will be from four to eight months' schools.

The Peck Manufacturing Company, of Warrenton, secured a charter to-day, with \$500,000 capital authorized and \$25,000 subscribed, for cotton milling and general textile business. The incorporators are Thomas D. Peck, J. M. Gardner and others. The Cabarrus Driving Club, Concord, capital \$10,000, by J. C. Wadesworth and others, and the Gastonia Manufacturing Company, Gastonia, capital \$50,000, by J. K. Long, George Wilson and others, for cotton milling business.

The Young Woman's Christian Association, of Asheville, filed an amendment to its charter making some changes in regard to the duties of the trustees.

## ALUMNI GATHER AT UNIVERSITY

Larger Number Than Usual Crowd Colonnade Club and Visit Old Haunts.

### MUCH INTEREST IN CHANGES

Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity Holds Initiation and Banquet, and Hears Addresses.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 14.—More alumni than usual are here for the commencement. They crowd the Colonnade Club and their old haunts, and evince a deep interest in the transformations and advances which are taking place under the guidance of President Alderman.

Visitors convened in annual session at 10 o'clock this morning, with much of the routine business cleared away by former meetings, but with abundant left to keep them thoroughly active during their sittings. The rector, Armistead C. Gordon, of Staunton, is presiding. The other members present are: John W. Craddock, of Lynchburg; H. F. Elliott, of Albemarle; William H. White, of Richmond; Daniel Harmon, of Charlottesville; R. Tate Irvine, of Big Stone Gap; George S. Shackelford, of Orange; William F. Drewry, of Petersburg, and President Alderman.

At 11 o'clock the variety players met at the Colonnade Club to organize the "all-star" team for the game with an all-star alumni team selected from nearly 150 of the best players of past years.

#### Phi Beta Kappa Initiation.

At an early hour in the evening the Phi Beta Kappa initiation took place in the library. This is the Beta of Virginia Chapter of the fraternity, the second established in the State, the first having been organized at William and Mary College in 1778. There are about seventy chapters in America. The initiates were as follows:

From the College of William and Mary: William Minor Lile, John Marshall, Carl Ridge Meloy.

From the Graduate School—Turner M. Harris, of Danville, Va.; Waldon T. Myers, of Broadway, Va.; William N. Neff, of Charlottesville, Va.; Charles F. Oliver, of Charlottesville, Va.; Ralph E. Wilson, of Northfield, Minn.

From the College—William G. Maplin, of Portsmouth, Va.; John T. McDonald, of Charlottesville, Va.; Mitchell Tabb Neff, of Harrisonburg, Va.; William W. Wood, of Charlottesville, Va.

From the Law School—John T. Pigott, of Helena, Mont.; Charles V. Runyon, of Charlottesville, Va.; H. Emory Widener, of Abingdon, Va.; John T. Wingo, of Richmond.

From the Medical School—Frank M. Payne, of Birmingham, Ala.; John H. Neff, of Harrisonburg, Va.; James A. Wadsworth, of Charlottesville, Va.

After the initiation the fraternity proceeded to Cabell Hall to hear the address by Professor Bliss Perry, of Harvard University, editor of Atlantic Monthly, after which it attended the Phi Beta Kappa banquet at the commons, where an address was delivered by Dr. John W. Mallet, professor emeritus of the University of Virginia. J. H. Pigott responded on behalf of the students, and William H. White, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway, on behalf of the alumni.

To-night the University German Club gave the first of the dances in the new weather gymnasium, beginning at the early hour of 8 o'clock, with Albert S. Bolling, of the University of Virginia, as leader. Refreshments were served at midnight. The dancing came to an end at 1 o'clock.

Music and the finals this year is being provided by the Fifth Regiment Band, of Baltimore.

#### Alexandria Schools Closing.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 14.—The annual closing exercises of the public schools of this city were begun this morning at 9 o'clock for boys. Certificates of distinction were awarded by Supt. K. Kemper and Clerk Hubert Snowden. Certificates of graduation were conferred upon the following in the tenth grade: Charles Aubrey Callahan, Reginald Francis Cox, Richard Esthorne Pawcett, Leonard Maubury Sherwood, Knickerbocker William Lister Martin. Those receiving certificates of distinction in the ninth grade were Gilbert A. Cox, Rae O. Davis, J. Lee Danahy, Randolph Simms and Irving Tennessee. In the eighth grade certificates were given to William W. Davis, Charles Corbett, Arnold W. Davis, Cortland H. Davis and Irving Lindsey.

#### End of Session in Norfolk.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., June 14.—The public schools of Norfolk closed their annual commencement exercises to-morrow and Wednesday. The grammar schools have their closing to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Granby Theatre. The high school commencement is scheduled for Wednesday night at the same place.

The principals and teachers declare that this year has been one of the best in the history of the schools of the city.

#### CANNOT VISIT SOUTH BOSTON.

President Will Not Be There, But Day Will Be Great.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SOUTH BOSTON, VA., June 14.—South Boston people very much regret that President Taft cannot be here on July 6, which has been set apart for the Independence Day celebration, a twenty-fifth town birthday and a homecoming combined. However, the people are going ahead to make the 5th a great day in South Boston. It will be not only a birthday celebration, but a trade exposition day and a great homecoming day. The letter from the White House reads as follows:

The White House, Washington, D. C., June 12, 1932.

My Dear Sir—The President requests me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4 and to thank you cordially for the invitation to attend the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the incorporation of the town of South Boston on July 6 next. He much appreciates the action of the committee in extending the invitation to him, but is sorry to say that his engagements are such that it will not be possible for him to accept. He sends his best wishes for a pleasant and successful occasion.

Very truly yours,  
FRED W. CARPENTER,  
Secretary to the President.  
T. B. Johnson,  
South Boston, Va.

#### Officers of Bank.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) PARKSBURY, VA., June 14.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Parkesley National Bank, Albert J. Row was elected vice-president, and B. H. Hinnant, assistant-cashier.

## The Doctor Writes of Counterfeiters.

CHAS. H. FLETCHER, New York City.

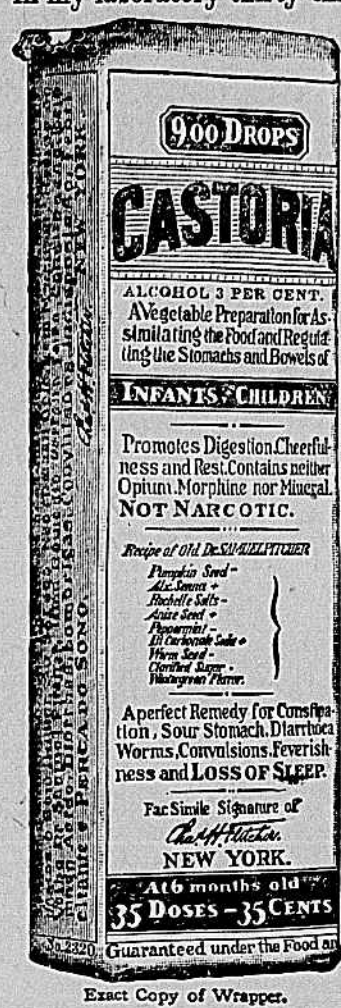
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## Letters from Prominent Druggists addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

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Myers-Dillon Drug Co., of Omaha, Neb., says: "Your Castoria is one of the best sellers we have. We cheerfully recommend it to our trade voluntarily at all times, and will testify to its merits at any and all times."

Weber Drug Co., of Indianapolis, Ind., says: "Fletcher's Castoria is an article for which there is no substitute. It is undoubtedly one of the most popular articles on the market to-day and our customers for it are numbered by the hundreds."

Parrish & Bailey Pharmacy, of Los Angeles, Cal., says: "During an experience of over 30 years in the retail drug business we have never found a proprietary remedy that has had such a large sale or given such universal satisfaction as your Castoria."

Theo. Metcalf Co., of Boston, Mass., says: "We have handled Fletcher's Castoria for years and consider it one of the best preparations made. Our sales are continually increasing and everyone of our customers have nothing but praise for Fletcher's Castoria."

W. H. Chapman, of Montreal, Que., says: "I have sold Fletcher's Castoria for many years and have yet to hear of one word other than praise of its virtues. I look upon your preparation as one of the few so called patent medicines having merit and unhesitatingly recommend it as a safe household remedy."

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## INSURANCE COMPANIES LOSE IN WINCHESTER TEST CASE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WINCHESTER, VA., June 14.—The right of the city of Winchester to maintain its present system of imposing license taxes upon insurance companies for the privilege of doing business here was upheld to-day by Judge Thomas W. Harrison in the Circuit Court.

Nearly every insurance concern operating in Virginia is a party to the suit, which is a test case that will be appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court by Robert T. Barton, counsel for the companies. It concerns the right of all Virginia cities to levy both a specific sum and a graduated tax on premium income of insurance companies, and the State license tax is also involved.

Counsel for the companies contended that the business of insurance concerns could be reached by the ad valorem system, and that such business must be so reached. The specific tax of \$50 levied by the city was therefore unconstitutional. City Solicitor R. Gray Williams quoted authorities against this contention. The State levies a specific tax of \$200 and a graduated tax on all premiums received by companies in Virginia, and in addition to \$50 the city also levies a graduated tax of 1 1/2 per cent. on all premiums received from business written in Winchester.

The State Constitution provides that license taxes may be levied upon business that "may not be reached by the ad valorem system." In his decision Judge Harrison reviewed the history of the license tax on insurance companies, and showed that the method of levying the tax attacked was the settled policy of the

State, and had been since the Civil War. Judge Harrison felt that it would not be proper for the lower court to sustain a contention that would break such a policy and involve the method of levying others than insurance companies.

He thought that if so momentous a change should be made the Supreme Court of Appeals would be the only proper court to declare unconstitutional these license taxes. The rate was neither a property nor an ad valorem tax, but simply a sum imposed specifically, and then an additional sum graduated in proportion to premiums received by business done as part of the same license tax. The entire tax, both the \$50 and 1 1/2 per cent., is a specific license tax, within the Constitution, for the privilege of doing business, he declared.

#### Pythians to Oust Negroes

Grand Lodge of North Carolina to Go to Legislature and Then to Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHEVILLE, N. C., June 14.—An important step, which at the time was understood to be taken by Pythians, was the decided stand taken against negro branches of the organization at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina at Hendersonville last week.

A committee composed of W. W. Bell, of Murphy; J. C. Clifford, of Dunn, and P. S. Calton, of Salisbury, was appointed to take the matter up, and though no instructions were given, it is understood that legal proceedings will be instituted shortly to restrain negro organizations from using the name or emblem of the society. Action may be taken in either State or Federal courts, but it is likely that the committee will first go before the Legislature and ask that charters of negro Pythian organizations be annulled.

The matter was barely mentioned on the floor of the convention at Hendersonville, but was generally understood among the members.

#### Declines Flattering Offer.

Dr. Bowen Will Continue Good Work at Randolph-Macon College.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ASHLAND, VA., June 14.—Dr. Edwin W. Bowen, who was recently elected to the chair of English in the University of the South, and to the editorship of the Sewanee Review, a literary journal published under the auspices of the university, has decided to decline the position.

The position was lately vacated by the death of Professor John Bell Hennehan, who was called from the chair of English in the University of Tennessee to Sewanee. For twelve years prior to his election the chair was occupied by Professor W. P. Trent, the brilliant Southern scholar, who went thence to a similar chair in Columbia University, New York.

Dr. Bowen was unwilling to leave Randolph-Macon College at this juncture. He has occupied the chair of Latin in Randolph-Macon for fifteen years, and is devoted to his work. During his connection with the college he has been a frequent contributor to periodicals, and has published several books.

#### FISHED NEGRO OUT.

"I Am Gone," Man Yelled, But Did Not Let Go.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) TANGERINE, VA., June 14.—Captain C. A. Sterling, keeper of Tangerine Light-house, rescued John E. Wilson, of Pocomoke City, from the sunken vessel, Blanche B., on Sunday night. Sterling heard a shout, and launching his boat sailed in the direction of the sound. When about half way to the wreck he heard a voice saying: "I am gone." He found a colored man clinging to the bottom of his vessel almost exhausted from exposure and the high seas, which were frequently washing over him. The Blanche B. was a barge of five tons registered, and was bound from Solomon's, Md., to Pocomoke City, Md.

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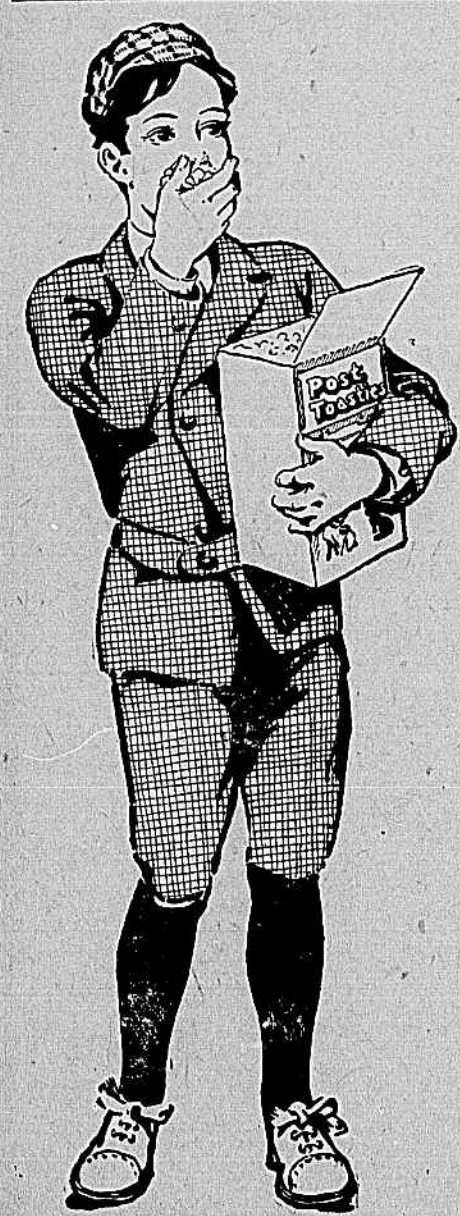
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